



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 255**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING  
THE COMPTROLLER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-115e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The State Comptroller shall report not later than October 1, 2012, [on  
4 an annual basis] and every two years thereafter, to the Governor and  
5 the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
6 4a, on the CORE-CT system. Such reports shall include, but not be  
7 limited to, the status of the [implementation of the] system, [the  
8 anticipated completion date,] the total cost to date and projected costs  
9 for the next three fiscal years, other required software or hardware,  
10 [necessary for successful implementation and any associated costs,] the  
11 date and costs of future upgrades, the level of cooperation from  
12 vendors and state agencies [, any administrative or legislative obstacles  
13 to implementation,] and any other issues surrounding the CORE-CT  
14 system.

15 Sec. 2. Section 4-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

17 Each state agency shall establish and keep an inventory account in  
18 the form prescribed by the Comptroller, and shall, annually, on or

19 before October first, transmit to the Comptroller a detailed inventory,  
20 as of June thirtieth, of all of the following property owned by the state  
21 and in the custody of such agency: (1) Real property, and (2) personal  
22 property having a value of [one] five thousand dollars or more. For  
23 audit purposes, each state agency shall establish and keep a list of  
24 personal property having a value of less than [one] five thousand  
25 dollars and defined as "controllable property" in the property control  
26 manual published by the Comptroller.

27 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 4-158 of the general statutes is  
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
29 *1, 2012*):

30 (d) If the Claims Commissioner orders immediate payment of a just  
31 claim in an amount not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars  
32 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section and a  
33 request for review is not timely filed pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
34 section, the Office of the Claims Commissioner shall deliver to the  
35 [Comptroller] Department of Administrative Services a certified copy  
36 of the Claims Commissioner's order and the [Comptroller] Department  
37 of Administrative Services shall make payment from such  
38 appropriation as the General Assembly may have made for the  
39 payment of claims or, in the case of contractual claims for goods or  
40 services furnished or for property leased, from the appropriation of the  
41 agency [which] that received such goods or services or occupied such  
42 property.

43 Sec. 4. Section 4a-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

45 The State Insurance and Risk Management Board shall determine  
46 the method by which the state shall insure itself against losses by the  
47 purchase of insurance governed by the provisions of title 38a to obtain  
48 the broadest coverage at the most reasonable cost. It shall direct the  
49 negotiations for purchase of such insurance and determine whether  
50 deductible or other risk retention provisions should be included in the

51 insurance contract. Wherever appropriate it shall determine that the  
52 state shall act as a self-insurer and may request funds from the  
53 contingency fund to establish reserves and carry out such practices as  
54 are necessary to safeguard the self-insurance activity. Said board may  
55 develop and implement risk management and loss prevention  
56 programs related to insurance plans established pursuant to the  
57 provisions of sections 4a-19 to 4a-21, inclusive, and may recommend to  
58 the Governor and the General Assembly the enactment of policies  
59 designed to reduce risks and hazards that may result in state liability  
60 for tortious conduct. It shall designate the agent or agents of record  
61 and shall select the companies from whom insurance coverage and  
62 surety bonds shall be purchased. Notwithstanding any other provision  
63 of the general statutes, including without limitation sections 38a-707  
64 and 38a-825, it shall have full authority to negotiate either a  
65 commission or fee structure to compensate the agent or agents of  
66 record for services performed. It shall also have full authority to retain  
67 consulting firms and to negotiate their fee compensation for services  
68 performed. Any refund, dividend or other payment from any  
69 insurance company in connection with insurance for the state shall be  
70 returned to the [Comptroller] Department of Administrative Services  
71 for deposit in the General Fund. The board shall establish  
72 specifications for each contract of insurance and shall request bids for  
73 each such contract through the agent of record. Each such contract  
74 shall be for a specified period of time.

75 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 5-155a of the 2012 supplement to the  
76 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
77 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

78 (a) The general administration and responsibility for the proper  
79 operation of the state employees retirement system is vested in a single  
80 board of trustees to be known as the Connecticut State Employees  
81 Retirement Commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-  
82 9a, the Retirement Commission shall consist of the following: (1) The  
83 Treasurer or a designee, who shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member;  
84 (2) the Comptroller or a designee, who shall be a nonvoting ex-officio

85 member; (3) six trustees representing employees who shall be  
86 appointed by the bargaining agents in accordance with the provisions  
87 of applicable collective bargaining agreements. The trustees  
88 representing employees shall not be members of the same bargaining  
89 unit. The trustees representing employees shall serve three-year terms;  
90 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) six management trustees who are members of the state  
91 employees retirement system, who shall serve three-year terms [. The  
92 management trustees] and shall be appointed by the Governor; ~~[(4)]~~ (5)  
93 two actuarial trustees who are enrolled actuaries and Fellows of the  
94 Society of Actuaries. One actuarial trustee shall be nominated by the  
95 management trustees and one shall be nominated by the trustees  
96 representing employees. The Governor shall appoint the actuarial  
97 trustees for three-year terms; and ~~[(5)]~~ (6) one neutral trustee who shall  
98 be chairman of the State Employees Retirement Commission. Such  
99 neutral trustee shall be enrolled in the National Academy of  
100 Arbitrators and shall be nominated by the employee and management  
101 trustees and appointed by the Governor. The neutral trustee shall  
102 serve a two-year term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a trustee, the  
103 vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as  
104 the office was previously filled. The trustees, with the exception of the  
105 chairman and the actuarial trustees, shall serve without compensation  
106 but shall be reimbursed in accordance with the standard travel  
107 regulations for all necessary expenses that they may incur through  
108 service on the commission. The chairman and the actuarial trustees  
109 shall be compensated at their normal and usual per diem fee, plus  
110 travel expenses, from the funds of the retirement system for each day  
111 of service to the commission. Each trustee shall, within ten days after  
112 appointment or election, take an oath of office that so far as it devolves  
113 upon the trustee, the trustee will diligently and honestly administer  
114 the affairs of the commission, and will not knowingly violate or  
115 willingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of law applicable  
116 to the state retirement system. Each trustee's term shall begin from the  
117 date the trustee takes such an oath. The trustees shall appoint a  
118 representative from among the municipalities that have accepted the  
119 provisions of part II of chapter 113, who shall serve as a municipal

liaison to the commission, at the commission's pleasure and under such terms and conditions as the commission may prescribe. Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote on the commission. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty authorized or imposed by law. The Retirement Commission shall be within the Retirement Division of the office of the Comptroller for administrative purposes only. The Comptroller [, ex officio,] shall be the [nonvoting] secretary of the commission and shall provide secretariat support to the commission.

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 32-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

(a) The management and control of the operation and affairs of the Connecticut building at the Eastern States Exposition at West Springfield shall be in the charge of the Department of Economic and Community Development. Maintenance of the land and building shall be the responsibility of the Department of Administrative Services. Coverage by fire and casualty insurance shall be the responsibility of the [Comptroller] State Insurance and Risk Management Board in accordance with the provisions of section 4a-20, as amended by this act. The building and land shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development, in cooperation with public and private agencies, to conduct an educational exhibit which will promote the agricultural, industrial, recreational and other physical and natural resources of this state.

Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 3-123h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

(c) On or before [March 30, 2012] April 30, 2013, and annually thereafter, the State Comptroller shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the

152 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 153 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the Secretary of  
 154 the Office of Policy and Management on the status of the flexible  
 155 spending account programs. Each such report shall include, but not be  
 156 limited to: (1) The number of employees enrolled in such programs, (2)  
 157 the administrative costs of such programs, (3) the amount of forfeitures  
 158 in such programs, and (4) the effect of the transfers permitted under  
 159 subsections (a) and (b) of this section on the Employers Social Security  
 160 Tax account.

161 Sec. 8. Section 3-115d of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 162 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	3-115e
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	4-36
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	4-158(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	4a-20
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	5-155a(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	32-6(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	3-123h(c)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*